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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits this amendment and response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in response to the final Office Action mailed March 9, 2004, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response. This Response is concurrently filed with a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-13, 23, 25, 30, 35 and 36 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 2 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 17 of this paper.